

Wrexham Swimming Club Safety policy and Guidelines

Wrexham Swimming Club SAFETY POLICY

[For the purposes of this document **Wrexham Swimming Club** is referred to as 'The Club'.]

1. INTRODUCTION

The Club, undertakes to agree with Pool Operators on the arrangements necessary for ensuring the safety of Club Swimmers at all times when pool hire occurs. The club safety policy will follow the WASA safety guidelines.

Such agreement will provide either for the Pool Operator, or the Club itself, to provide lifeguard cover.

The detailed Safety Policy that follows relates to the Club's life guarding and other responsibilities and also includes general guidelines and rules for all Club Swimmers, teachers, coaches, lifeguards, parents who have defined responsibilities and duties which complement and reinforce or aid the Club's basic obligations. Account has been taken of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the March 1988 Guidelines on Safety in Swimming Pools published jointly by the Health and Safety Executive and the Sports Council and subsequent documents.

2. BASIC OBLIGATIONS

2.1 When the Club itself either agrees or is required to provide lifeguards, suitably qualified personnel will be present on each and every occasion and in appropriate numbers as circumstances dictate. WHERE THIS CANNOT BE DONE ADEQUATELY ON ANY OCCASION **NO ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE.**

For normal Learner and Improver Classes, with their separate teachers, programmed instruction and for set periods, with less than the maximum overall pool bather load the Club will provide the required 2 lifeguards either itself or as part of the hire facility.

For Squad Competitive training sessions (of up to 30 or more experienced swimmers) at least one lifeguard will be provided or hired. Where the agreement is for the Club to have full responsibility, the Club will provide a qualified Coach/Lifeguard with qualified back-up support on call.

During Inter-Club Galas or Club Championships or other organised competitions, the above supervision will be maintained either by the Club or as part of the hire facility.

2.2 The Club will draw the attention of all its members to its Safety Policy and will ensure that they are familiar with and understand emergency procedures.

Club Lifeguards, where provided, will be issued with **Guidelines on their duties and responsibilities, (as will coach, teachers and parents)** and will be required to check from time-to-time with Pool Operators for any changes which affect their functions.

3. WRITTEN OPERATING PROCEDURES

3.1 The Club will ensure that all teachers, coaches, club lifeguards are familiar with the Pool Operators written statement or rules setting out the organisation and arrangements for ensuring users' safety in normal and emergency conditions.

4. RANGE OF ACTIVITIES COVERED

4.1 The Club's activities covered by this Safety Policy include the following:

4.1.2 Squad Training Sessions including Early Morning, Evening, Weekend.

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- 4.1.3 Club Home Galas - for the duration of the Gala.
- 4.1.4 Club Away Galas - for the duration of the Gala where the host Club have not provided adequate arrangements.
- 4.1.5 Open Competitions -The Club will expect host Clubs/Organisations to provide adequate Lifeguard facilities.

5. ACCIDENT/ INCIDENT Reporting and INSURANCE

The Club will ensure a current and valid insurance policy which includes indemnity for Pool Operators where this is required by the terms of the Hire Agreement.

All accidents or incidents will require a report verbally immediately following the occurrence and in writing subsequently from those responsible for group or event in progress at the time of such accident/ incident. This written report must be submitted to the club secretary and the details entered in the accident log book.

6. UPDATING POLICY

The Club will receive and update this Safety Policy document as and when required by new circumstances, Pool Operator requirements or changes to current safety legislation.

Dated:

Signed(Chairperson)

.....(Secretary)

